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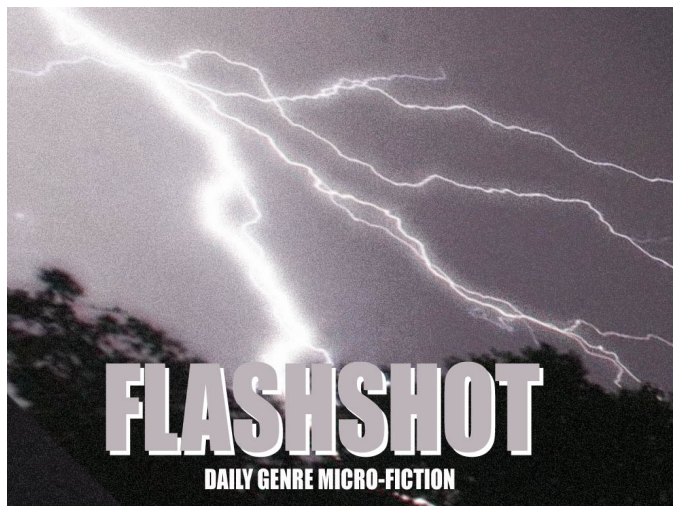
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**ROCKET ROCK-IT PONY**

By Jim O'Loughlin

Her eyes were alive with excitement.

"Mommy, can I get Rocket Rock-It Pony? It was on TV and if I get it, I won't fight with my brother, and I'll be really, really, good. Pul-eeeeeze!!!"

When Rocket Rock-It Pony arrived, it was all she had hoped for. Its pink head and sparkly mane sat atop a candy-striped pole. It whinnied with a press of the left ear and made galloping sounds when she raced through the house and was put in the attic forever after she grabbed it by the reins and used it to split open her brother's head.

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